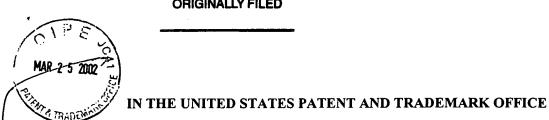
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In re Application of:

Jorg-Thorsten MOHR et al.

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PROCESS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4 and 9 as follows.

4. (Amended) 6β,7β; 15β,16β-dimethylene-3-oxo-17α-pregn-4-ene-21, 17-carbolactone,

at a mean purity of greater than 98.9%/

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